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Those Dulles(t) Brothers

The Senate has rejected a bill providing for a Congressional watch dog committee to check on the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, as it does on the Atomic Energy Commission. The wisdom of this refusal to supervise the CIA is seriously doubted.

Over a period of years the CIA has a long record of flubs, with practically no successes. Furthermore, its head is Allan Dulles, brother of whirling-dervish Secretary of State Foster Dulles, the man who is always up in the air, both literally and figuratively.

A remark some time ago by Allan Dulles is sufficient to discredit his intelligence on the Russian problem. Dulles opined that raising the standard of education in the Soviet Union would lead to a dissatisfaction by the Russian citizens with their government and its eventual overthrow.

Dulles does not seem to comprehend that it is perfectly possible to develop brilliant scientists, brilliant doctors and brilliant specialists in many fields and at the same time indoctrinate those individuals with propaganda in favor of the Communist way of life so thoroughly that they will never question the effectiveness of the Communist way of life.

Dulles has before him in this nation many examples of brilliant scientific minds that are completely stupid when it comes to the matter of communism. In this regard let us take one instance in the case of Oppenheimer and Alger Hiss. Neither of these individuals is stupid. Both are expert in their particular fields. Yet their brilliance did not prevent them from being dupes for communism.

Former Senator Benton of Connecticut, publisher of the Encyclopedia Britannica, spent a part of 1955 visiting the Soviet Union. He writes, "I neither saw nor heard evidence that this education is producing resistance to the regime or even skepticism about it." Benton then quoted the Russian-speaking expert for the New York Times, Harry Schwartz, who was leaving Russia as Benton was entering. Schwartz had come to the same conclusion. Benton said the officials he interviewed really believed in the superiority of communism and the righteousness of its cause. Benton concluded, "The courses of indoctrination and propaganda have worked."

Further proof of this is that the large part of the proportion of the refugees who cross from Russian territory to the West, do so as a consequence of specific grievances because of miscarriages of the system, not because of complaints against the system itself. Few of the refugees seek a new system for Russia.

One of the greatest mistakes that the United States can make is to believe that the Russian people will revolt against tyranny. It has been drummed into them so much that there is the best system on the earth that they really believe it. Allan Dulles is very foolish if he thinks otherwise.